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SUBJECT: US FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS

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SUMMARY : MITI HAS DECIDED THAT JAPANESE TRADING COMPANIES WILL SUBMIT DATA AND DOCUMENTATION FERROUS SCRAP ORDERS DESTINED TO THIRD COUNTRIES DIRECTLY TO US EMBASSY TOKYO. EMBASSY PROVIDED TRADING COMPANIES WITH GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN COOK-KINOSHITA LETTER. END SUMMARY.

1. SUBSEQUENT TO EMBASSY OFFICER CONVERSATION WITH MITI OFFICIALS REPORTED REF B, MITI DECIDED THAT TRADING COMPANIES WOULD REPORT RELEVANT DATA ON VOLUME FERROUS SCRAP ORDERS DESTINED TO THIRD COUNTRIES AND DOCUMENTATION ORIGINAL INTENT DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY. THIS CHANGE IN MITI POLICY BASED ON FACT THAT MITI NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE SHIPMENTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT ENTER JAPAN.

2. MITI SEES GOJ ROLE IN KEEPING WITH COOK-KINOSHITA LETTER AS COOPERATING WITH USG IN OBTAINING REQUIRED DATA BUT NOT REPEAT NOT TO COLLECT AND SUBMIT THIS DATA TO THE USG. IN KEEPING WITH THIS ROLE, MITI REQUESTED FIRMS INVOLVED IN US FERROUS SCRAP IMPORTS TO REPORT TO MITI IF THEY ARE INVOLVED IN THESE SCRAP EXPORTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES. AS
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A RESULT OF THIS SURVEY, FIVE JAPANESE FIRMS REPORTED TO MITI

THAT THEY HAD EXPORT ORDERS FROM US SOURCES BOOKED BEFORE JULY 1, 1973, AND INTENDED FOR SHIPMENT TO THIRD COUNTRIES. MITI UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL JAPANESE TRADING FIRMS INVOLVED IN THESE FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. ALTHOUGH MITI OFFICIAL STATED HE HAD CONVEYED CONTENTS OF COOK-KINOSHITA LETTER TO TRADING COMPANIES INVOLVED, REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE COMPANIES WHO CALLED ON EMBASSY FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE STATED THEY WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE LETTER. ACCORDINGLY THEY WERE GIVEN COPIES OF THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FOR THEIR GUIDANCE IN PREPARING THEIR SUBMISSION, WHICH NOW EXPECTED BY EMBASSY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. SUBMISSIONS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE EMBASSY AS RECEIVED. SHOESMITH

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